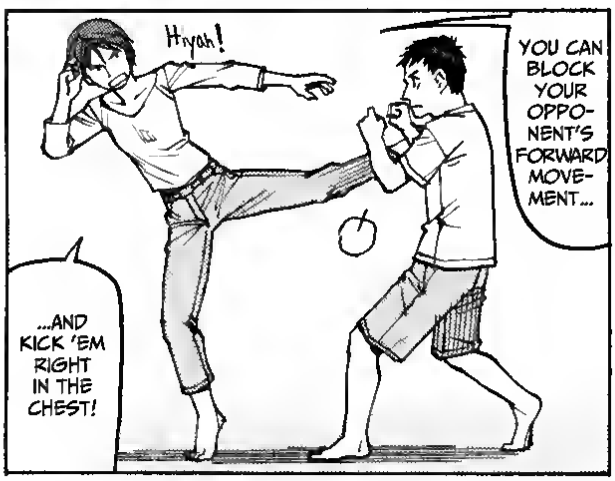
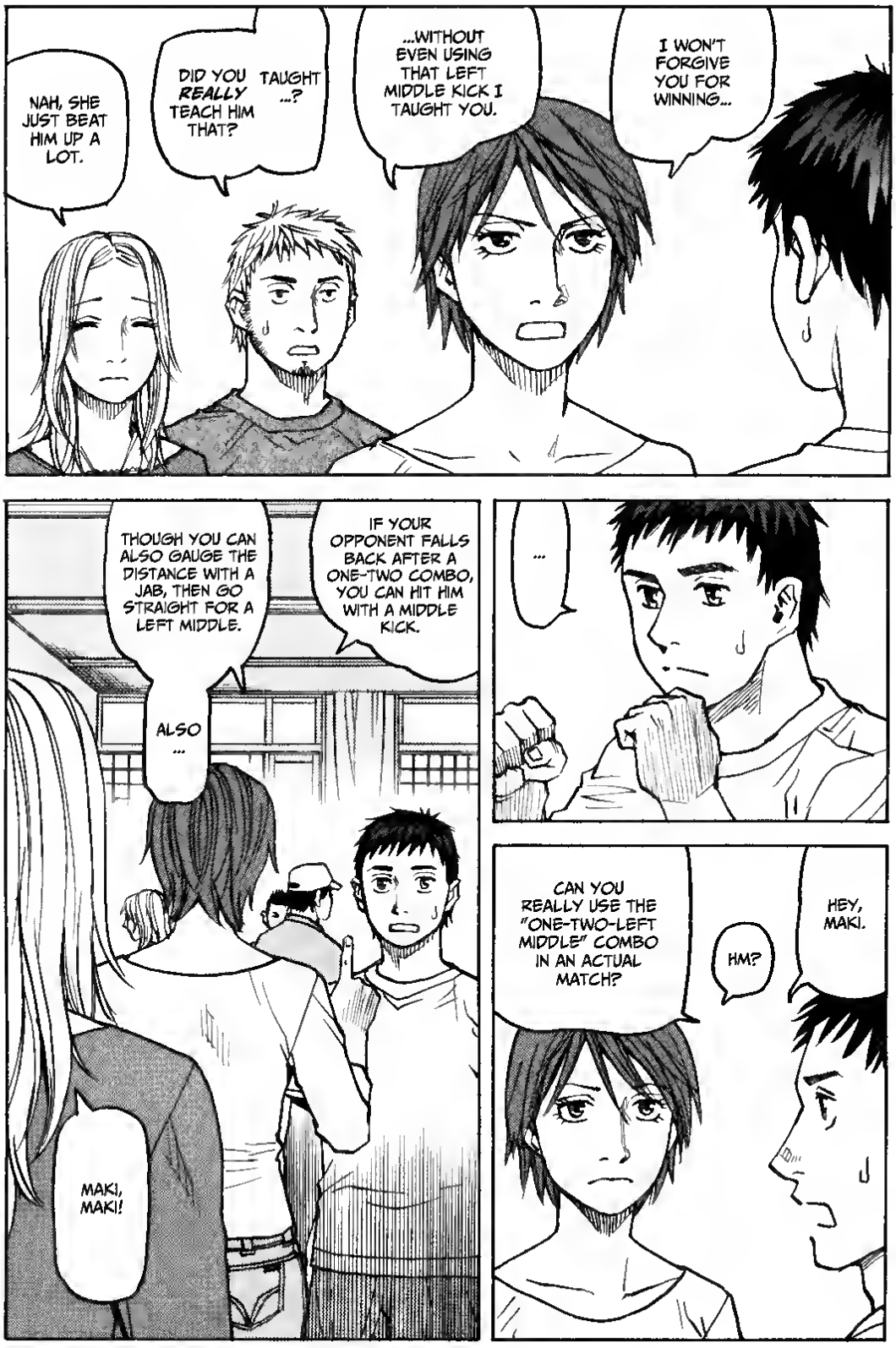
Chapter 35 | Second Round Tournament Match ~Yudai~ (Part 1)

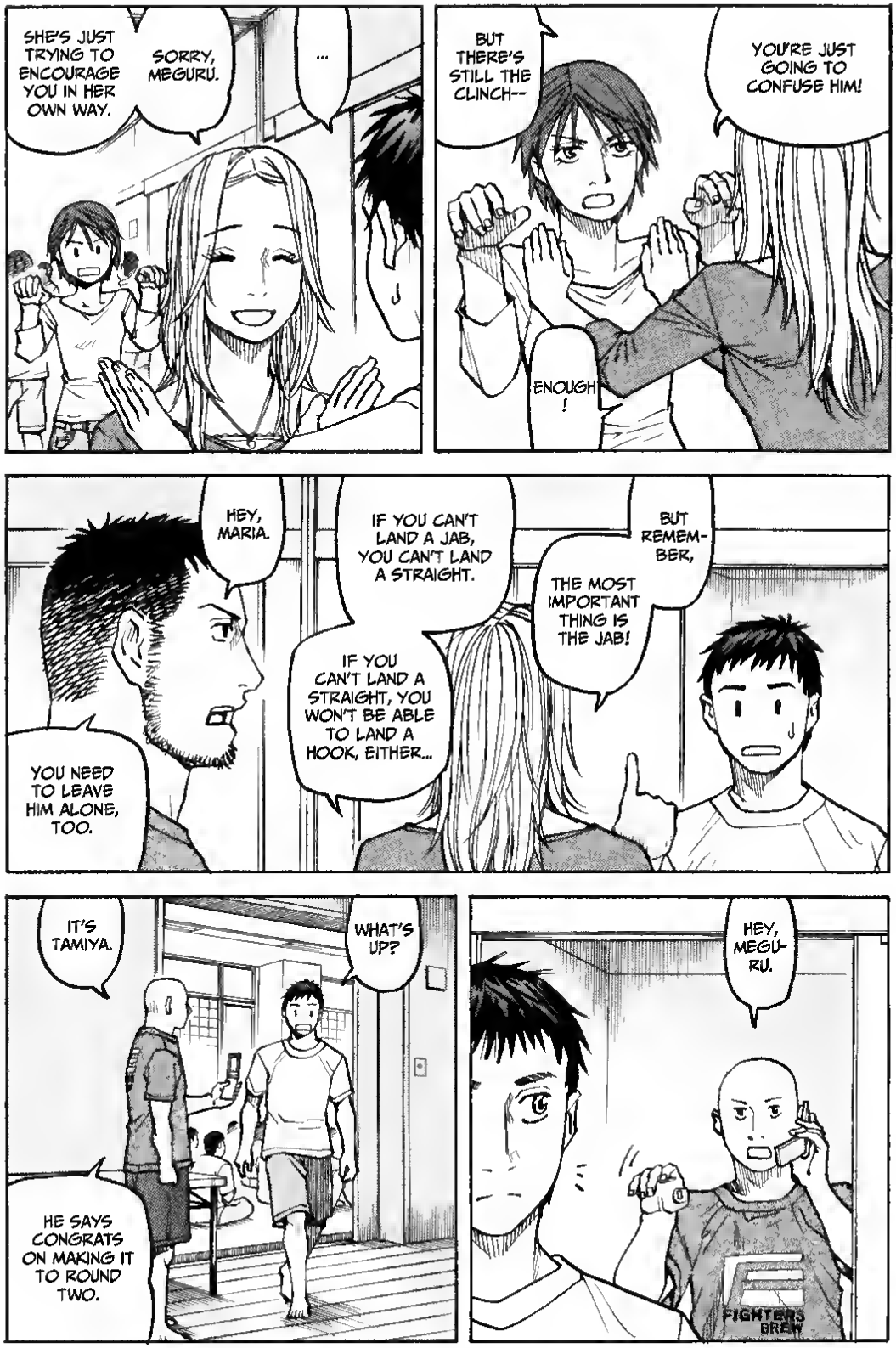
YOU ALWAYS GOT A JAB IN WHEN YOU WERE FIGHTING ME...
...IS BECAUSE YOU WERE LOOKING DOWN.
THE REASON YOU COULDN'T LAND THAT STRAIGHT BODY BLOW...

...YOU'VE MADE A SWITCH, HAVEN'T YOU?
IF YOU STEP FORWARD DIAGONALLY WITH YOUR RIGHT LEG...


Hiyah!
YOU CAN BLOCK YOUR OPPONENT'S FORWARD MOVEMENT...
...AND KICK 'EM RIGHT IN THE CHEST!

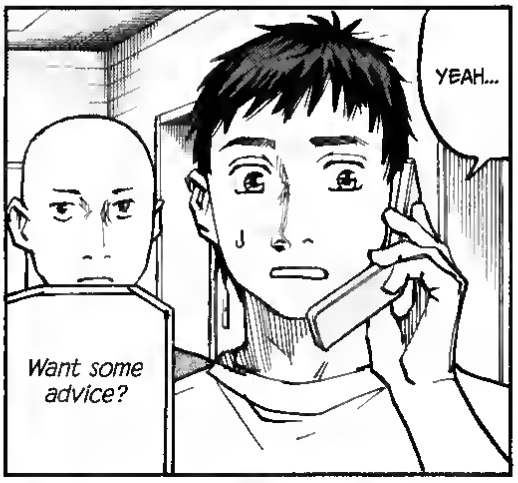
I KNOW ...
AND YOU DIDN'T USE THE LEFT MIDDLE KICK AT ALL.
A LEFT MIDDLE'S THE BEST OFFENSE AGAINST SOMEONE WHO CROUCHES A LOT LIKE THAT GUY DID!

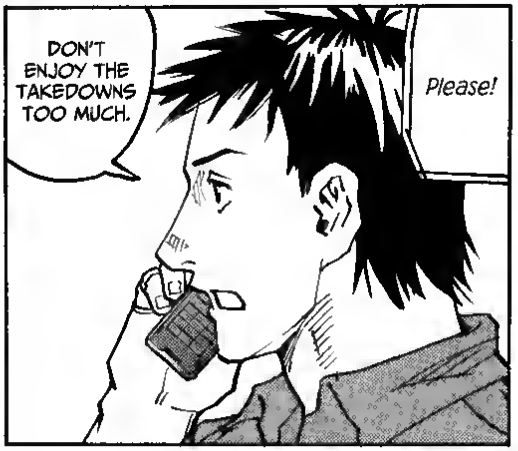

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR WINNING...
...WITHOUT EVEN USING THAT LEFT MIDDLE KICK I TAUGHT YOU.
DID YOU REALLY TEACH HIM THAT?
TAUGHT ...?
NAH, SHE JUST BEAT HIM UP A LOT.
...
IF YOUR OPPONENT FALLS BACK AFTER A ONE-TWO COMBO, YOU CAN HIT HIM WITH A MIDDLE KICK.
THOUGH YOU CAN ALSO GAUGE THE DISTANCE WITH A JAB, THEN GO STRAIGHT FOR A LEFT MIDDLE.
ALSO ...
MAKI, MAKI!
HEY, MAKI.
HM?
CAN YOU REALLY USE THE "ONE-TWO-LEFT MIDDLE" COMBO IN AN ACTUAL MATCH?


SHE'S JUST TRYING TO ENCOURAGE YOU IN HER OWN WAY.
SORRY, MEGURU.
...
BUT THERE'S STILL THE CLINCH--
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO CONFUSE HIM!
ENOUGH!
HEY, MARIA.
IF YOU CAN'T LAND A JAB, YOU CAN'T LAND A STRAIGHT.
BUT REMEMBER,
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THE JAB!
IF YOU CAN'T LAND A STRAIGHT, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LAND A HOOK, EITHER...
YOU NEED TO LEAVE HIM ALONE, TOO.
IT'S TAMIYA.
WHAT'S UP?
HE SAYS CONGRATS ON MAKING IT TO ROUND TWO.
HEY, MEGURU.
FIGHTERS BREW

MY TRAIN LEAVES AT TWO, SO I'LL PROBABLY MISS THE FINALS.
I'M AT NAGOYA STATION RIGHT NOW!
ANYWAY, I HEARD YOU HAVE A REMATCH WITH OGASAWARA NEXT?

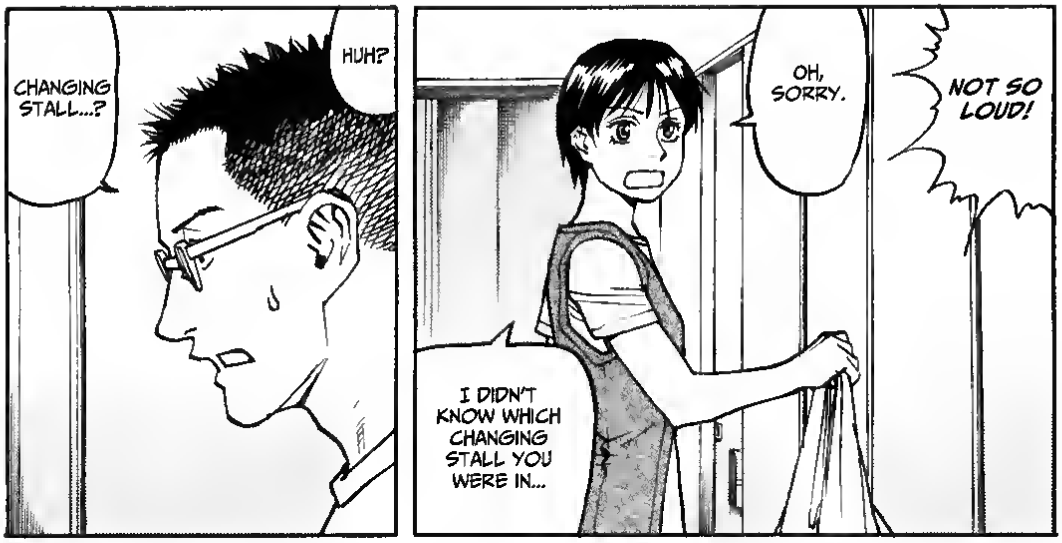
WELL, BETTER TO AVOID TAKEDOWNS ALTOGETHER.
What d'you mean?
?
OH, WATA-NABE'S HERE.

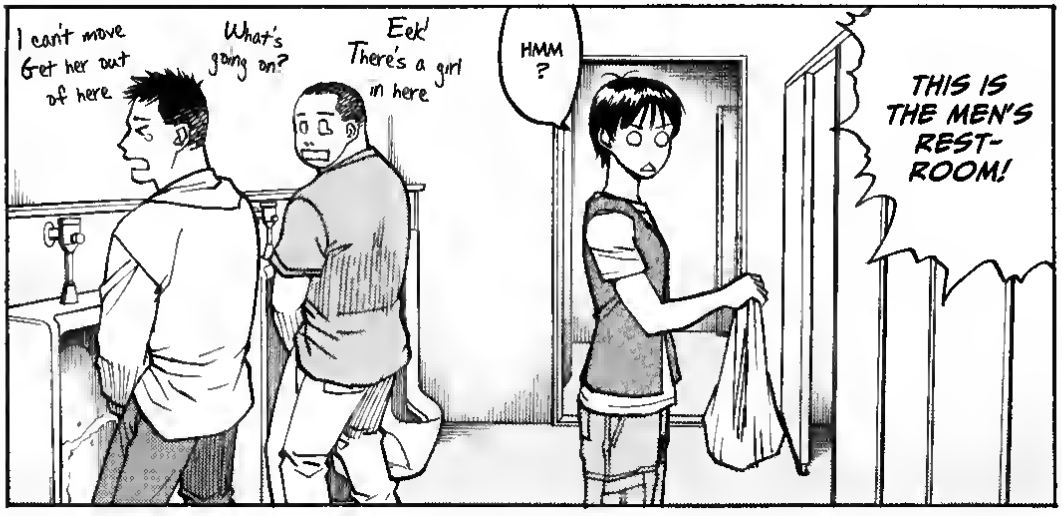

YEAH...
Want some advice?

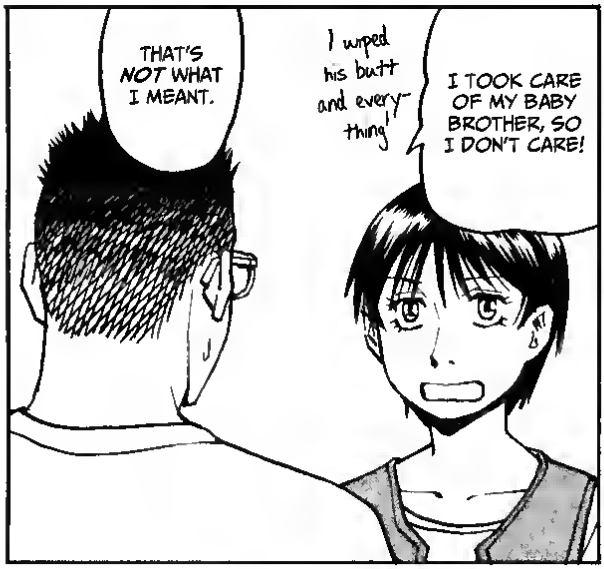

DON'T ENJOY THE TAKEDOWNS TOO MUCH.
Please!

...?
UMMM...
GIMME THAT!
YOU'RE WASTING MY MINUTES!
MEGURU MADE IT TO THE SECOND ROUND.
HERE.
SAY SOME-THING.
...

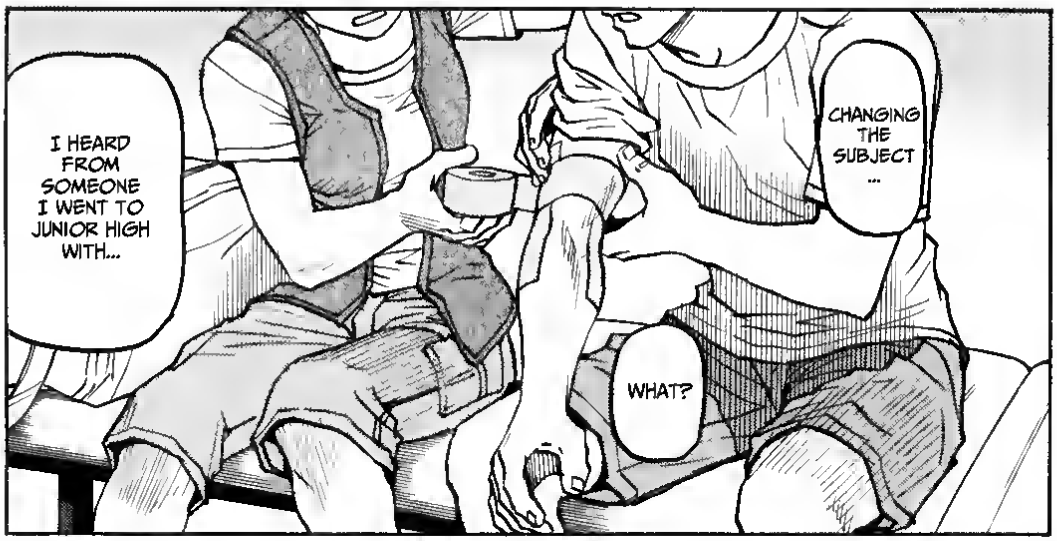
*TITLE USED TO ADDRESS ONE'S SENIOR COLLEAGUES IN A SCHOOL, COMPANY, OR SPORTS CLUB.


CHANGING STALL...?
HUH?
OH, SORRY.
NOT SO LOUD!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHICH CHANGING STALL YOU WERE IN...


I can't move Get her out of here
What's going on?
Eek! There's a girl in here
HMM ?
THIS IS THE MEN'S REST-ROOM!


THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
I wiped his butt and every-thing!
I TOOK CARE OF MY BABY BROTHER, SO I DON'T CARE!

HMM?
YOU...
YOU DO REALIZE YOU'RE A GIRL, RIGHT?

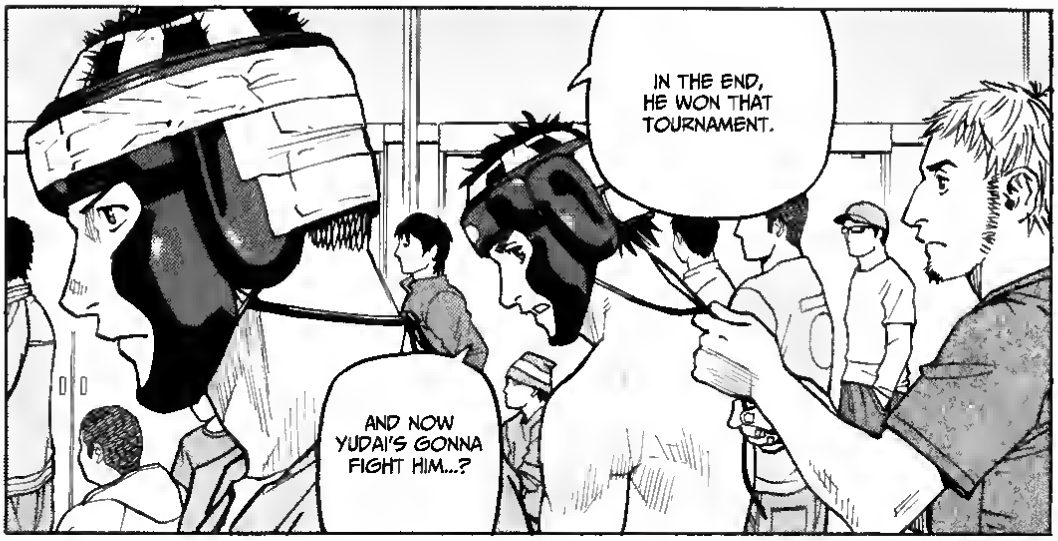

I HEARD FROM SOMEONE I WENT TO JUNIOR HIGH WITH...
CHANGING THE SUBJECT ...
WHAT?

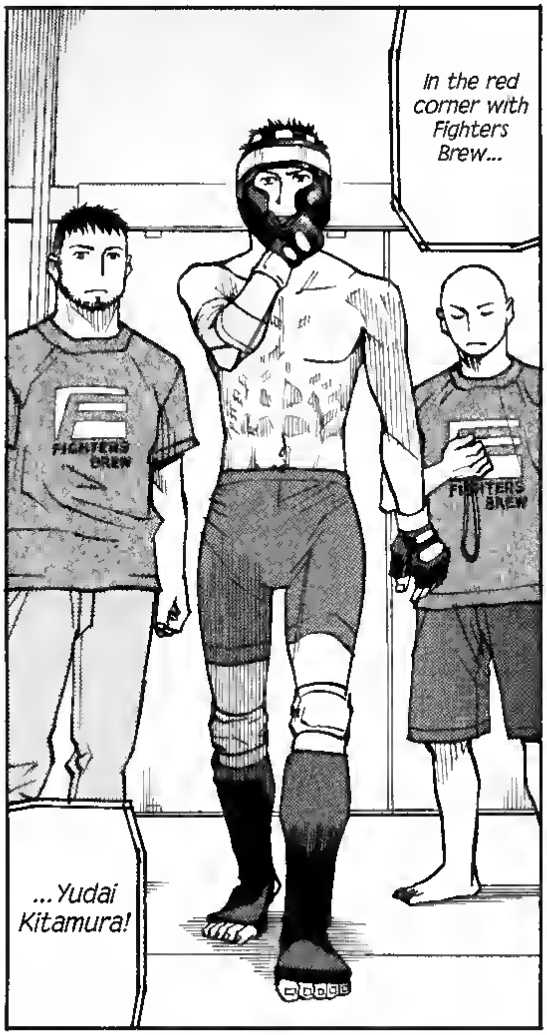
BECAUSE OF YOUR BROTHER ...
MY BROTHER HAS *NOTHING* TO DO WITH IT!

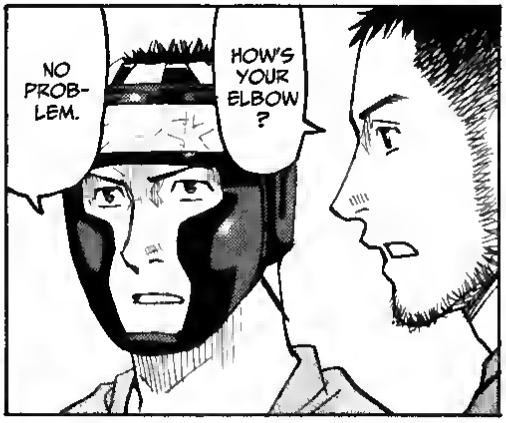
...THAT YOU HIT A 12TH GRADER ON THE JUDO TEAM?
...

TIME TO GET READY!
HEY, YUDAI!
BUT...

...
WOOSH
...IS THE GUY YOU LOST TO IN YOUR FRESHMAN TOURNAMENT, ISN'T HE?
YUDAI'S NEXT OPPO-NENT...
...YEAH.
IT WAS REALLY HARD...
AND EVEN IF I TRIED TO TAKE HIM DOWN, I COULDN'T KEEP HIM ON THE MAT...
...AND HE'D GET IN CLOSE WITH HIS HOOK.
HE WAS PHYSICALLY OVER-POWERING ...


IN THE END, HE WON THAT TOURNAMENT.
AND NOW YUDAI'S GONNA FIGHT HIM...?


In the red corner with Fighters Brew...
...Yudai Kitamura!
FIGHTERS BREW
FIGHTERS BREW


NO PROB-LEM.
HOW'S YOUR ELBOW?

Light-weight division, round two.
Match 36.

...Akira Tachibana!
And in the blue corner with Team Nelson...
FIGHT!

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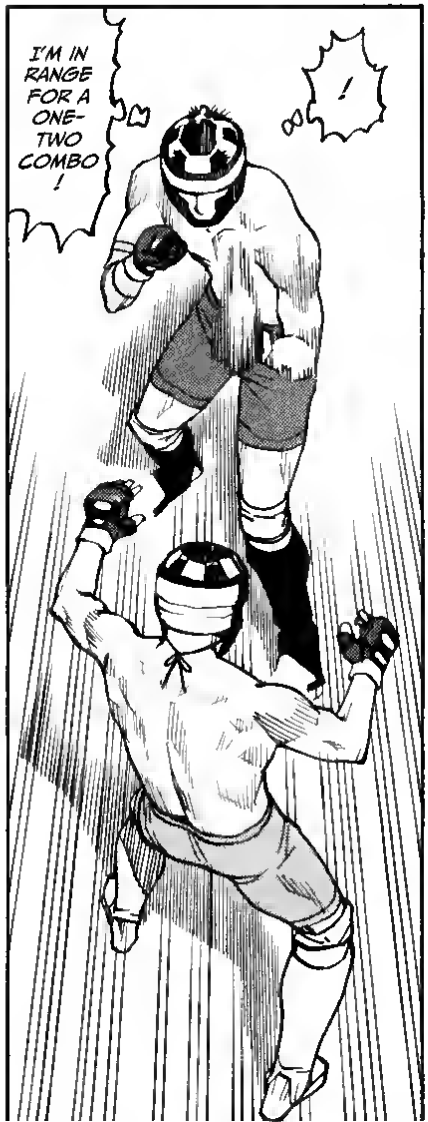
HE'S GOT A WIDE SWING...
...BUT HE'S REALLY FAST!

JUST CALM DOWN AND GAUGE THE DISTANCE ...
I CAN'T FALL BACK..!


I'M IN RANGE FOR A ONE-TWO COMBO !
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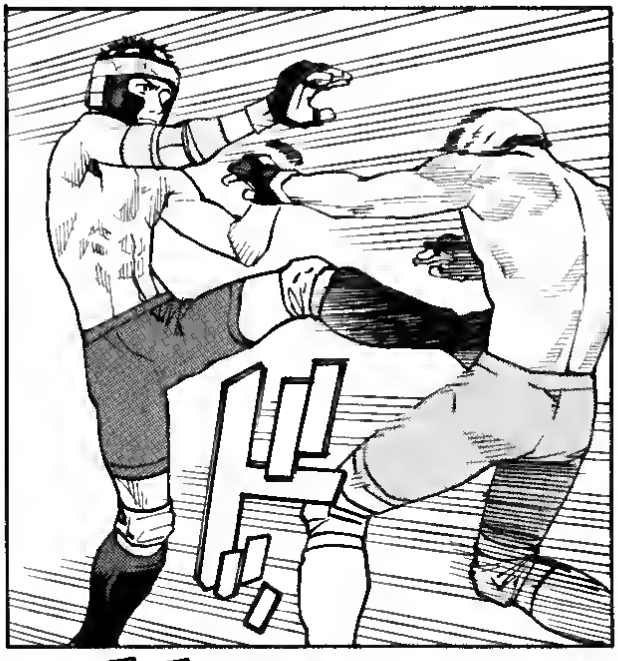

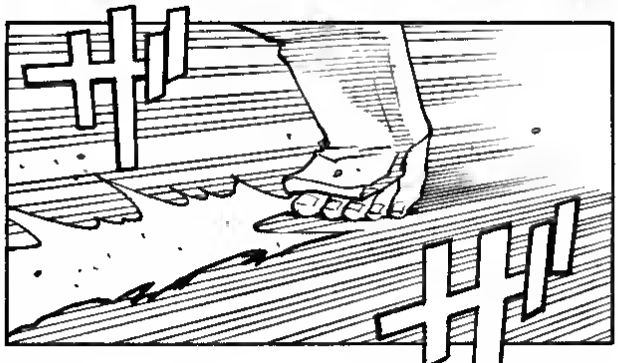

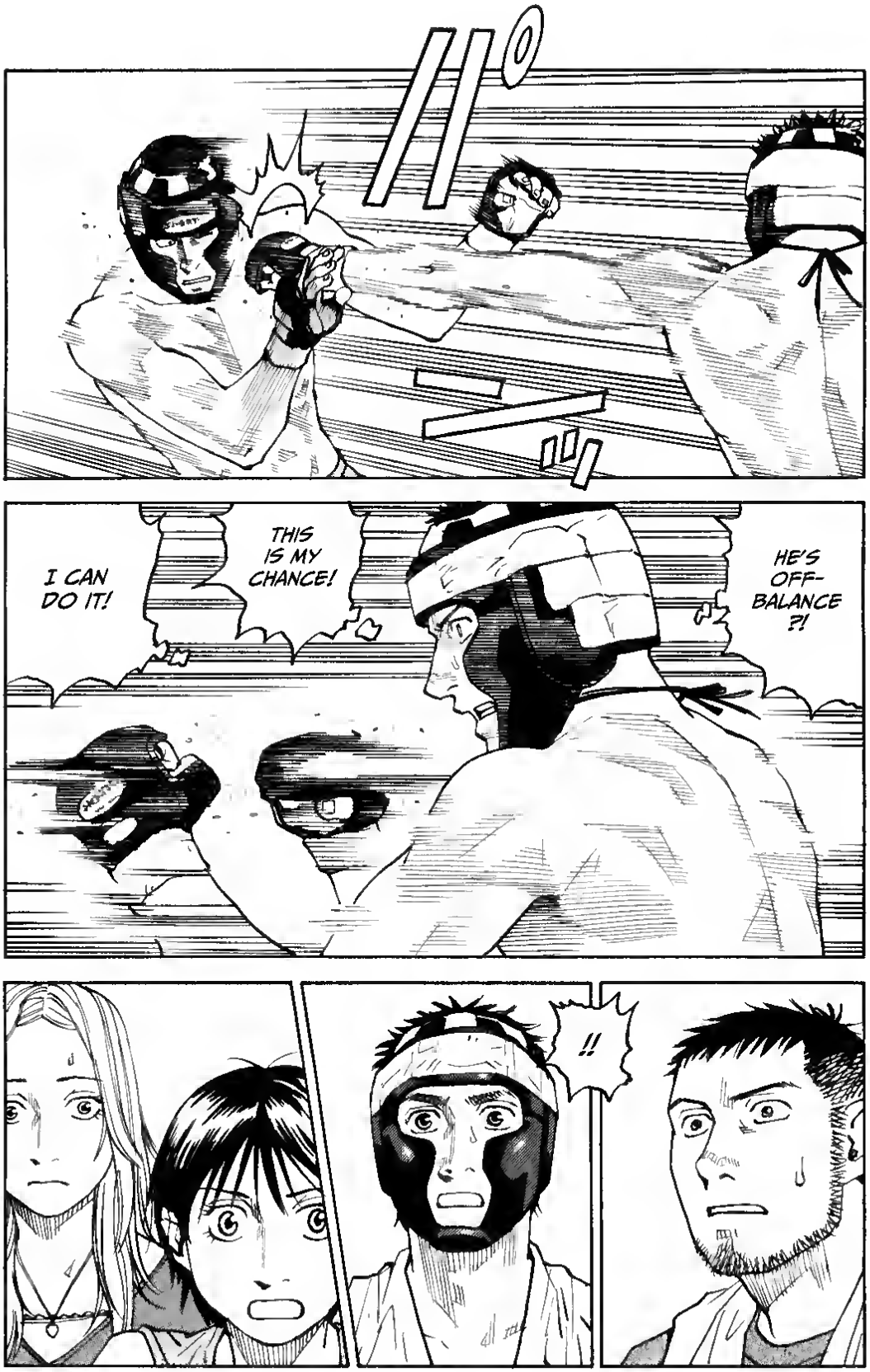
I CAN DO IT!
THIS IS MY CHANCE!
HE'S OFF-BALANCE ?!
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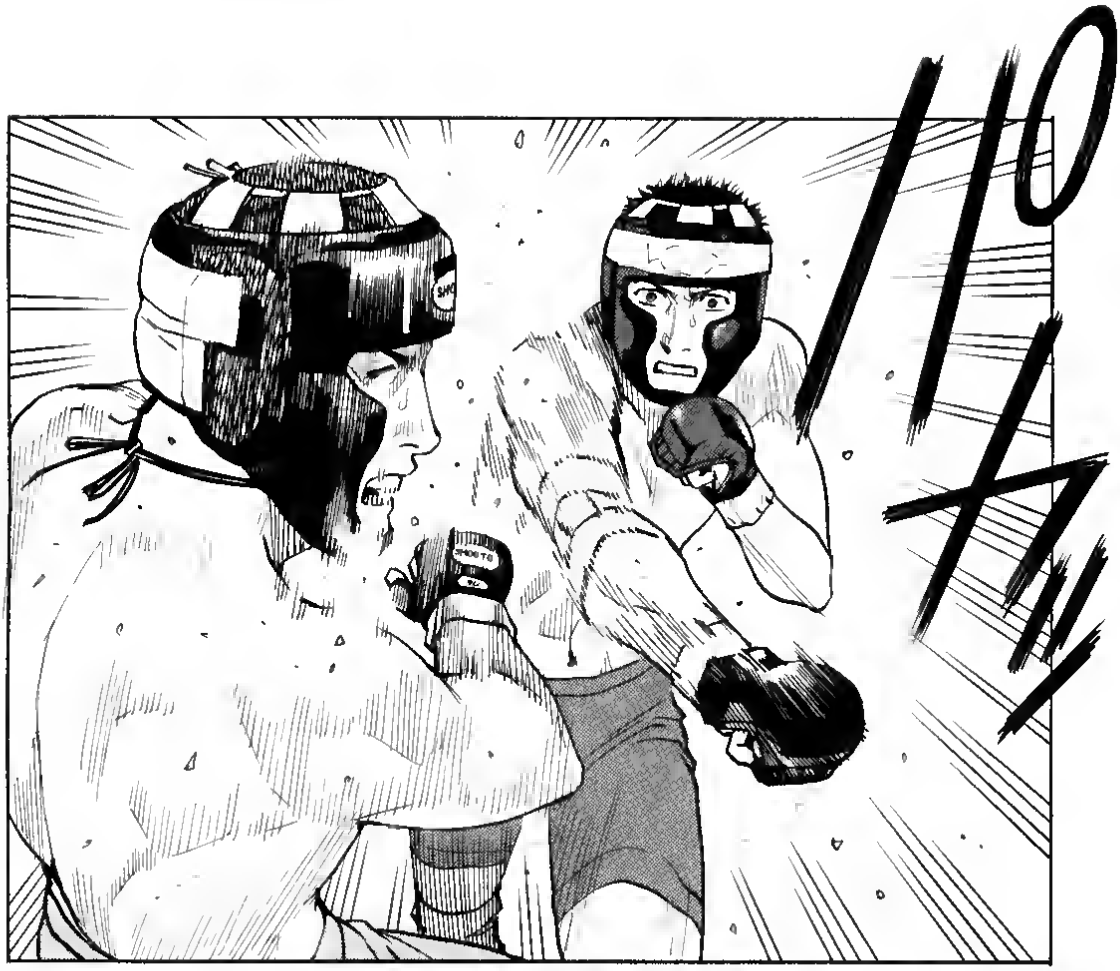
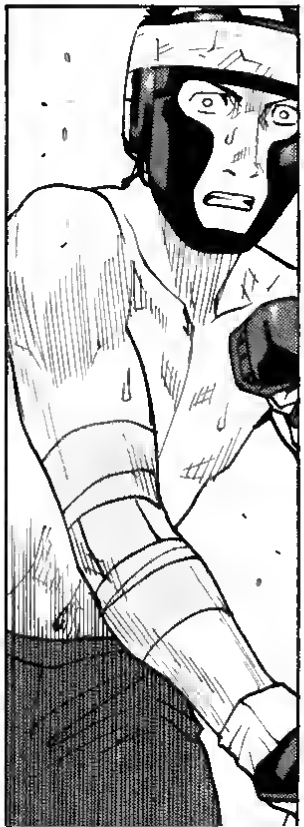
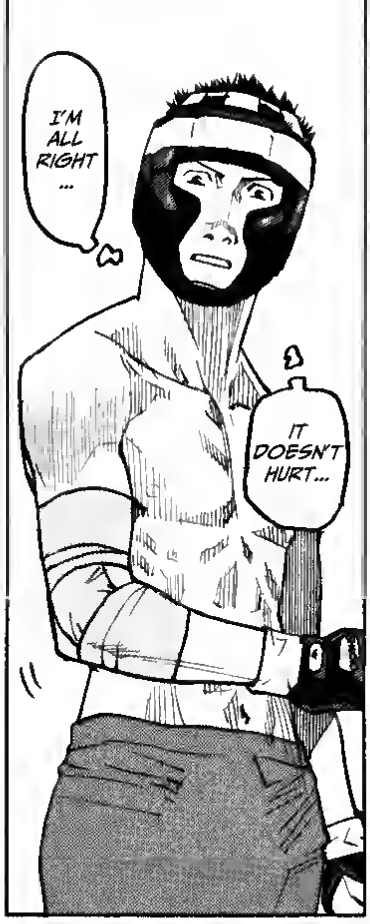
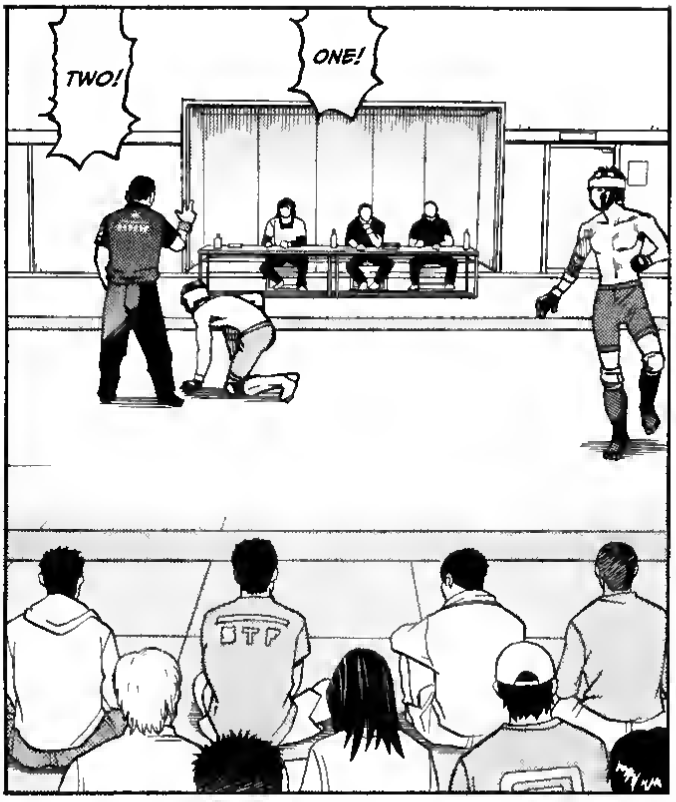


DOWN!

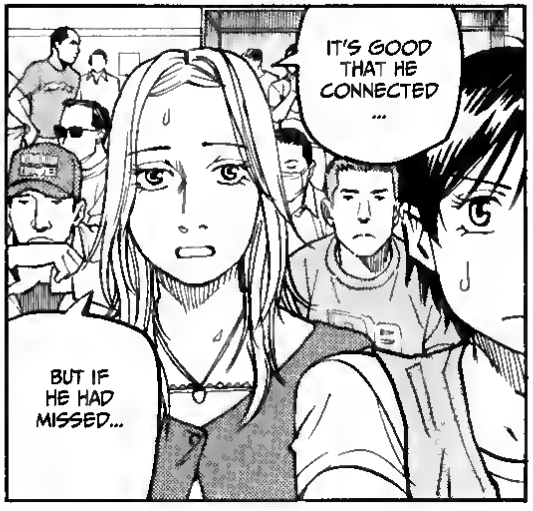



I'M ALL RIGHT ...
IT DOESN'T HURT...

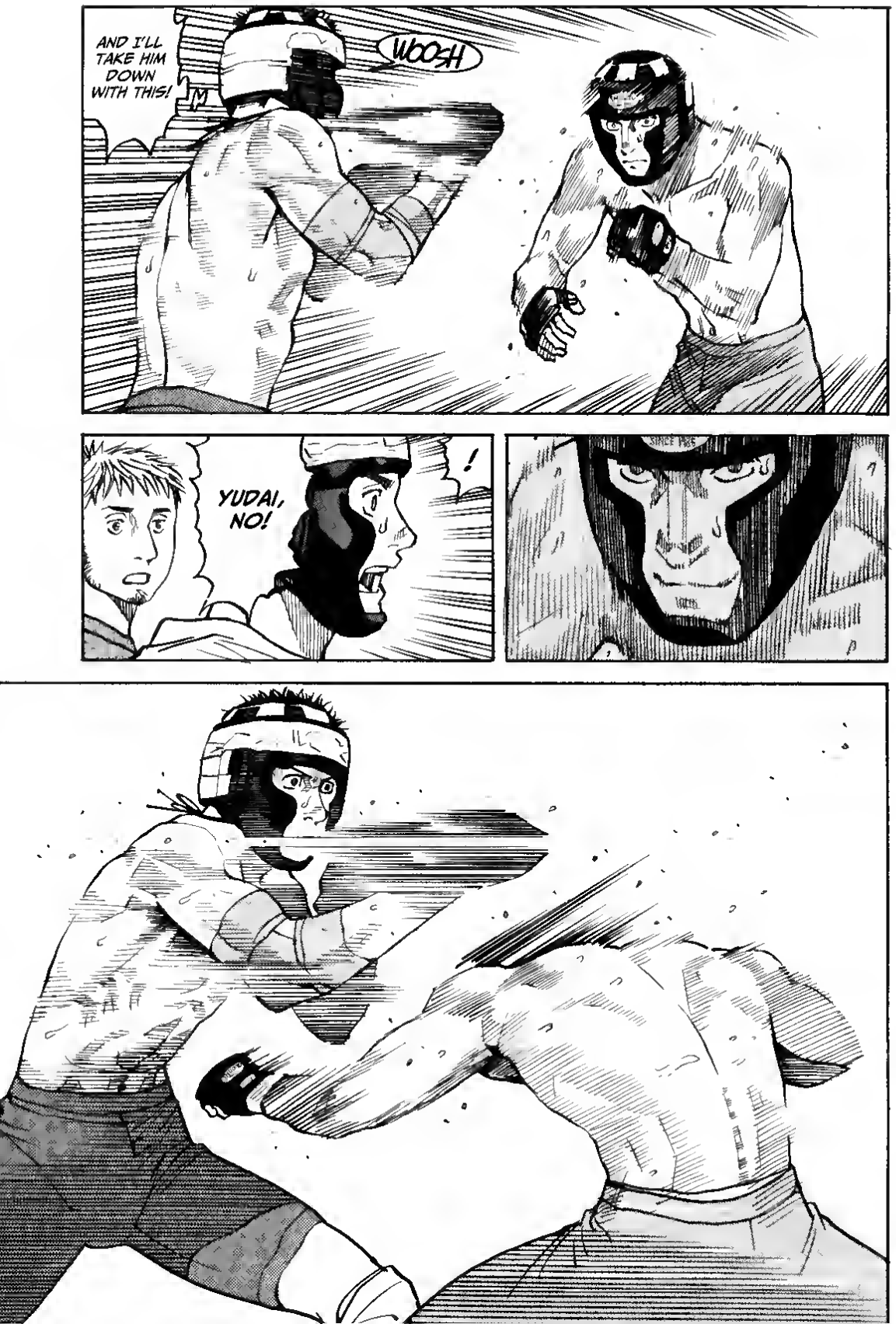

TWO!
ONE!

FOUR!

...A STRAIGHT RIGHT...
HE USED...


IT'S GOOD THAT HE CONNECTED ...
BUT IF HE HAD MISSED...

IF I DON'T TAKE HIM DOWN NOW...
WHAT-EVER, NOW'S MY CHANCE...
FIGHT!
I GOT HIM IN THE CHIN, BUT...
DID I NOT HAVE ENOUGH WEIGHT BEHIND IT...?
OOPS.
HE STEPPED BACK AGAIN.
THERE!
...IT'LL BE A CINCH.
AS LONG AS I CAN SEE THROUGH HIS HOOKS AND SHOTS...


AND I'LL TAKE HIM DOWN WITH THIS!
WOOSH
YUDAI, NO!
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